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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, a response to which is due April 7, 2005 with a three-month extension of time, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

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Rejection under 35 USC §101

The Office Action has rejected claims 78-90 in that the bodies of these claims only recite software elements and no hardware elements. Applicant submits that it is not required under the law that a computer system claim must recite hardware elements. Even though the modules of claim 78, for example, are described as software modules, these modules may be embodied in a computer readable medium and thus are statutory.

Reconsideration of this application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution, please do not hesitate to telephone the undersigned at (612) 252-3330.

Respectfully submitted,
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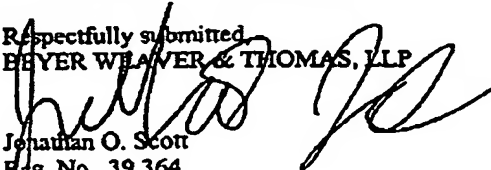
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	39	MINUS	51	0	x 25 =	x 50 =
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- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a THREE-month extension(s) of time to respond to the
aforementioned Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is
determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension
be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time
under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional
claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the
enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. GILLP015X1).

Respectfully submitted,
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